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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Maryland Air National Guardsman Receives Federal Award

BALTIMORE – The Maryland Air National Guard announced that today Col. Allyson R. Solomon was awarded the prestigious Federal Women's Program Award for 2004. The Baltimore Federal Executive Board presented the award to Solomon at the 23rd Annual Federal Women's Conference in recognition of her exceptional support of the Federal Women's Program and the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

Solomon, a resident of Anne Arundel County, is the mission support commander of the 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard. Solomon also is an active board member of the White Marsh, Middlesex Chamber of Commerce.

The Federal Women's Program addresses the needs and concerns of women employees in achieving equal recognition in the workplace. The goals of the Federal Women's Program are to improve employment and career advancement opportunities, increase respect for women employees at all grade levels, and work toward the elimination of sexual harassment in the workplace.

The Maryland Air National Guard is comprised of a state headquarters in Baltimore, the 175th Wing at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md., and its two flying units and support staff, the 104th Fighter Squadron (A-10) and the 135th Airlift Squadron (C-130J). More than 1,600 full-time and traditional members are employed by the Maryland Air National Guard, contributing nearly \$80 million annually to Maryland's economy. The Air National Guard represents more than one-third of the total United States Air Force's total structure. Under the Total Force Policy, the Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserve and the active United States Air Force are full partners in protecting the United States and its interests at home and abroad.

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